

We Claim:

1. A tool for deploying an expandable structure into interior body regions, the tool comprising
 - 5 a catheter body defining an interior lumen, an expandable structure having a distal end and carried by the catheter body, and
 - a stylet having a proximal end and being sized and configured for passage through the lumen and adapted
 - 10 to straighten the expandable structure during deployment into an interior body region.
2. A tool as in claim 1 wherein the stylet is substantially rigid.
3. A tool as in claim 1 wherein the stylet is made of stainless steel.
- 15 4. A tool as in claim 1 wherein, after passage of the stylet through the lumen, the proximal end of the stylet is coupleable to the catheter body.
- 20 5. A tool as in claim 1 wherein, after passage of the stylet through the lumen, the stylet abuts against the distal end of the expandable structure.